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# July

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**July 3, 2012**

## Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



### Ashton's Annual 4th of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 4th is only 2 weeks away:

Here's the plan:

7:30-9am—Rotary Breakfast—  
\$5/person @ Rotary Pavilion

10:00am—Parade:

*"America: My Home Sweet Home" — theme by*  
*B.J. Hatton*

*\*Grand Marshal: Marion Rice\**

11-2pm—Flag Ceremony, booths in park, &  
classic car show

10:00pm—Fireworks @ NFHS Soccer Field

To participate or questions please call Rachel Hatton @ 652-0144

\* *A sincere thank you to the pilots of the Legacy Flight Museum of Rexburg who have volunteered to do our flyover this year! Please check out their website @ [www.legacyflightmuseum.com](http://www.legacyflightmuseum.com), find out the hours of the museum and go and enjoy their many exhibits, not only planes, but cars, trucks and WWII vehicles.*

## Spotlight:

# Happy Birthday Idaho and the United States of America!

### Idaho:

On the morning of March 4, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln signed the act creating Idaho a territory. A few days later he appoints William Wallace to be the first territorial governor. Wallace then designates Lewiston as the territorial capital. In

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1865 Boise replaces Lewiston as the capital. Construction on the territorial capital begins in Boise in 1885. **July 3, 1890 Idaho is admitted as the 43rd state in the union.** Emma Edwards wins a contest to create our state seal in 1891; making Idaho's the first seal to be designed by a woman. In 1931, the legislature adopts, "Here We Have Idaho" as our state song, the syringa as our state flower, and the Rocky Mountain blue bird as our state bird.

In anticipation of next year's celebration the 150th anniversary of Idaho's territory we encourage you to watch the Idaho State's Historical Society's website at [www.history.idaho.gov](http://www.history.idaho.gov) for more information on this exciting Idaho milestone. How blessed we are to live in Idaho, this great state and place in the United States of America.

### The United States of America:

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the *Declaration of Independence*, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

*The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.*

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress. Historians have long disputed whether Congress actually *signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4*, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day.

\*This information was found on Wikipedia.

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### Remember your Country:

A story set in the early 1800s tells of Phillip Nolan, a young officer in the United States Army who gets caught up in a plot to overthrow the government. Convicted of treason, he swears in rash anger to never hear the words United States of America. The judge decides to grant his wish, and he is sentenced to exile. Those around him are ordered to never speak to him of America. He comes to be known as “The Man without a Country.”

Years later, a remorseful Nolan pleads with a young sailor: “Remember...your Country, and that you belong to Her as you belong to your own mother. Stand by Her, boy, as you would stand by your mother.” Then he adds, “Oh, if anybody had said so to me when I was of your age.”

We all have a country. It may not be the largest, the richest, or the most powerful, but it deserves our loyalty and our love and our best efforts to make it better. We can say with hope and faith, **“God bless America: Our Home Sweet Home!”**

Just as we read the Christmas story at Christmas time and teach our youth about Christ’s birth, we need to teach our youth and each other why this, July 4th, Independence Day, is so important and why it is worth preserving and being thankful for. This country should not be taken for granted, indeed it is the greatest of all the lands to live!

As your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce we wish you all a safe and Happy 4th of July!

## City of Ashton News

- ◆ Ashton City Water users: Please do not water lawns or gardens on Thursday, July 5th.
- ◆ City Council will be July 11 @ 7pm @ City Building.

Information deadline for the Newsletter is due by 8 AM on the Saturday prior to the first and third Tuesday of the month. Please email anything you would like posted to [info@ashtonidaho.com](mailto:info@ashtonidaho.com) or leave a message at 652-3355.

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## Community Calendar

- **July 4—Independence Day!**
- **July 5—Ashton City water users-no watering lawns or gardens this day, PLEASE.**
- **July 11—City Council @ 7pm@City Building**
- **July 11—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @ Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.**
- **July 19—Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mtg. @ 12pm@Chamber office**
- **July 19—School Board meeting @ 7pm @ District Office**
- **July 19—Henry’s Fork Farmer’s Market@4-7@Ashton**
- **July 25—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @ Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.**
- **July 27-28—Pioneer Days in St. Anthony**  
\*\*The next newsletter will come out on **July 17th**. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

*We encourage all to continually support our Ashton Businesses!!*

Email [info@ashtonidaho.com](mailto:info@ashtonidaho.com) with your events time and description to get your event posted FREE! For more event details visit our on-line Community Calendar at [www.ashtonidaho.com](http://www.ashtonidaho.com)  
We place events on our community calendars for free!



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